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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Proposed NFIB Memorandum on Paragraph Security Markings

REFERENCES : a. NFIB 9.1/30 dated 16 June 1977
b. Memorandum to DDCI from Chief, Publications and Presentation Group/DDI, Same Subject dated 24 June 1977 (DDI 2491-77)

1. Reference b. transmitted to you the CIA position on subject NFIB document. The directorates and independent staffs and offices recommend that the draft NFIB document be modified in four specific areas. [redacted] agreed with three of the four recommendations. This memorandum addresses the recommendation which [redacted] does not accept.

2. The recommendation of concern states that the NFIB document be modified to exempt [redacted] from paragraph markings." The draft NFIB document provides that "internal working papers, personnel material, [redacted] and personal correspondence" [redacted] policy. We strongly recommend that information reports be exempted and treated in the same manner [redacted]

3. The Executive Order 11652 among other things states that each classified document will, to the extent practicable, be marked so as to indicate which portions are classified, at what level and which portions are not classified. The NSC directive implementing Executive Order 11652 states the concept of paragraph marking and retains the original words of the Executive Order, to the extent practicable. Headquarters [redacted] also retains the original words of the Executive Order. Headquarters [redacted] dated 24 May 1977 also retains the original words of the Executive Order. In addition Headquarters [redacted] authorizes deputy directors and heads of independent offices to exempt some categories of documents produced by their components for which paragraph classification would be impracticable.

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4. We believe that the NFIB memorandum is too restrictive.

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is performed by automated computer programs. To change these programs to include paragraph marking will require extensive software changes at considerable cost. We anticipate that such changes may result in data base mismatch since the currently formatted information is used by a number of community recipients to update their respective data bases. In the case of all [REDACTED]

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As a result, the requirement for paragraph marking is redundant, offers no additional security precaution and does not facilitate excerpting. We believe very strongly that the overall classification of any document takes precedence over any particular paragraph marking.

5. In light of the above, we request that the CIA position on the NFIB paragraph marking policy include an exemption for

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